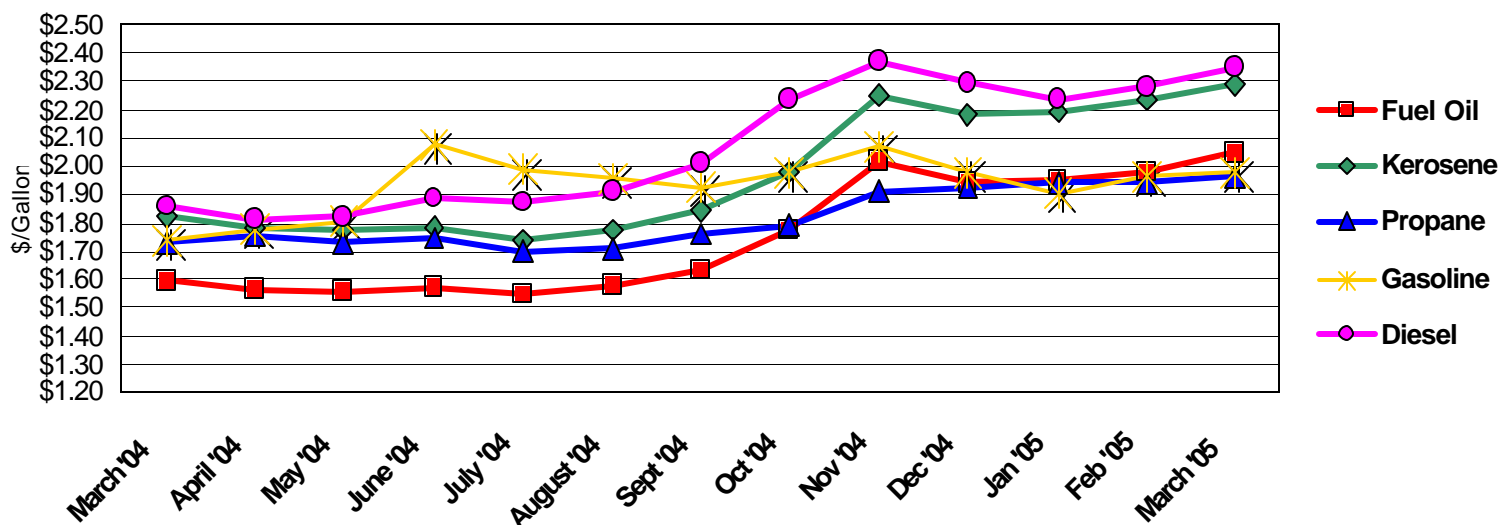


# Vermont Fuel Price Report

March 2005

## One-Year Price Trend



## Vermont Average Retail Petroleum Prices (per gallon)

	March '05	Feb '05	%change	March '04	%change
No. 2 Fuel Oil	\$2.05	\$1.98	3.54%	\$1.59	28.83%
Kerosene	\$2.29	\$2.23	2.38%	\$1.82	25.76%
Propane	\$1.97	\$1.94	1.39%	\$1.73	13.55%
Reg. Unleaded Gasoline	\$1.98	\$1.96	0.94%	\$1.73	14.14%
Diesel	\$2.35	\$2.28	2.99%	\$1.86	26.19%

### Petroleum Update

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has reported that as of March 7, 2005 the national average retail price of regular gasoline increased to \$2.00 per gallon. This is a 26 cent increase from the same time last year. The East Coast average retail price increased to \$1.95 per gallon. Retail gasoline prices are expected to average about \$2.15 per gallon this spring.

National retail diesel prices increased to \$2.17 per gallon. East Coast diesel prices averaged \$2.16 per gallon.

The national average residential heating oil price has increased to \$2.09 per gallon for the period ending March 7th, which is an increase of almost 49 cents from this time last year.

The average national residential propane price decreased to \$1.71 per gallon. Although the Vermont average propane price is higher than the national average, it remained relatively stable with only a 3-cent increase from this time last month.

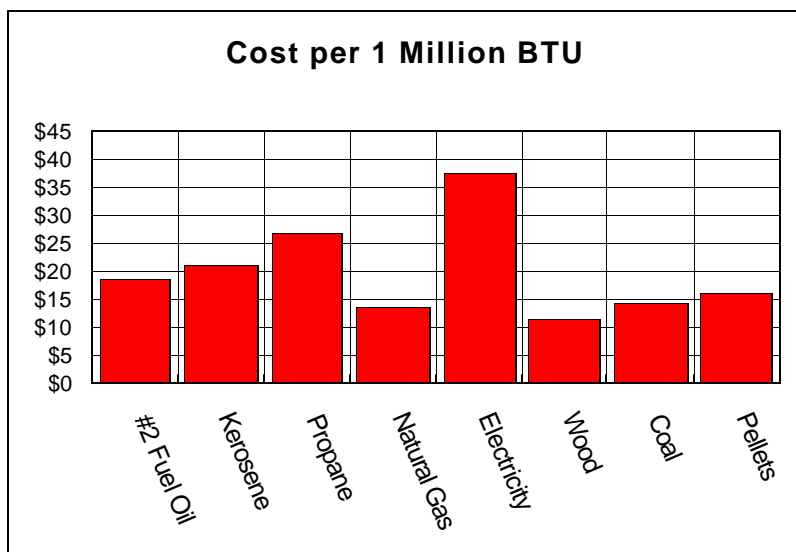
The National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration has reported that the winter heating season so far (October through February) is slightly warmer than normal both nationally and in the Northeast.

Additional information is available in the EIA report "This Week In Petroleum" at [www.eia.doe.gov](http://www.eia.doe.gov).

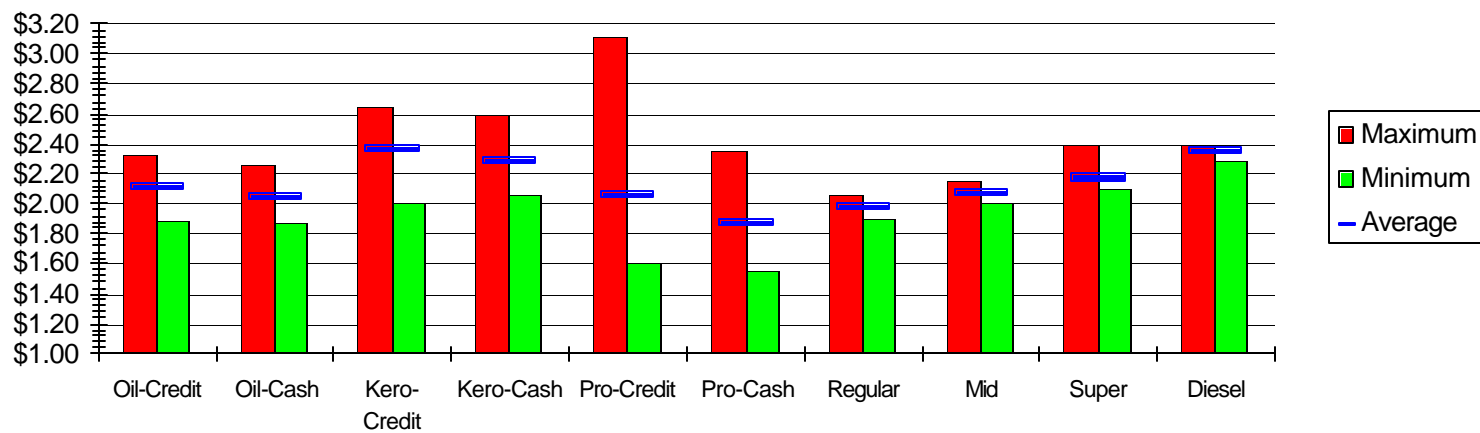
### Comparing the Cost of Heating Fuels

Type of Energy	BTU/unit	Adj Effic	\$/unit	\$/MMBtu
Fuel Oil, gallon	138,200	80%	\$2.05	\$18.52
Kerosene, gallon	136,600	80%	\$2.29	\$20.94
Propane, gallon	91,600	80%	\$1.97	\$26.83
Natural Gas, therm	100,000	80%	\$1.08	\$13.50
Electricity, kwh	3,412	100%	\$0.13	\$37.51
Wood, cord (green)	22,000,000	60%	\$150.00	\$11.36
Coal, ton	24,000,000	60%	\$207.00	\$14.38
Pellets, ton	16,400,000	80%	\$210.00	\$16.01

### Cost per 1 Million BTU



### Fuel Price Ranges in Vermont



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